

# The Kibitzer

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Clockwise from top left:

Fred Gitelman, the  
genius behind BBO,  
interview on page 17

Enid Roitman, 2010  
Audrey Grant Award  
winner, story on page 14

Hazel Wolpert, 2010  
Kate Buckman Award  
winner, see page 15

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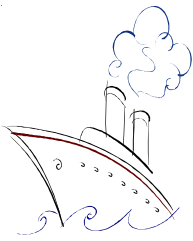
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May 6:	At Sea	
May 7:	At Sea	
May 8:	Cadiz (Seville)	7 am 5 pm
May 9:	Almeria (Granada)	9 am 7 pm
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## Editor's Note:

Congratulations are due John Rayner, who won the Australian Mixed Pairs Championship at their Summer Nationals in Canberra. Southern Ontario players had an okay Spring Nationals in Reno. Ex-Toronto players fared much better: Gloria Silverman won the Silver Ribbon (Senior) Pairs with husband Les Bart (they live in Florida), and Fred Gitelman (Las Vegas) and Geoff Hampson (LA) won the Jacoby Swiss Teams. You can read more about Fred in our interview with him in this issue.

The Canadian Bridge Federation is building a Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame - the Hall will be totally online and its first inductees are the Fab Four (Bruce Elliott, Sami Kehela, Eric Murray and Shorty Sheardown) along with Sam Gold from Montreal.

Our area will host this year's Canadian Bridge Championships in Markham. May 29-June 6. For the first time, there is no pre-qualification for any event.

## John Carruthers

**Kibitzer Editorial Policy:** The Kibitzer is published to promote bridge and to inform members of ACBL Units 166, 238, 246 and 249 about tournaments and special events, as well as to entertain with deals and articles of interest. It is also a forum for the exchange of information and opinion among the members. Opinions expressed in articles or letters to the Editor are those of the contributors and do not necessarily reflect those of the Unit Boards of Directors or the Editor. The Kibitzer reserves the right to edit or exclude submitted material.

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**ONTARIO UNIT 166 OF THE A.C.B.L.**  
(Incorporated without share capital under the laws of Ontario)  
Statement of Financial Position  
as at August 31, 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash in Bank – Canadian	66,597	193,231
Cash in Bank - U.S.	25,185	14,520
Short term investments at market value (Note 2)	100,000	-
Accounts receivable	25,505	38,939
Prepaid expenses	6,000	9,594
	<b>223,287</b>	<b>256,284</b>
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 3)</b>	<b>2,882</b>	<b>5,450</b>
<b>OTHER ASSETS (Note 4)</b>		
Suspense account	3,873	-
	<b>230,042</b>	<b>261,734</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	15,728	12,156
Reserve funds - Associations (Note 5)	8,598	13,953
	<b>24,326</b>	<b>26,109</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Restricted (Notes 6,7)	56,178	62,230
Unrestricted	149,538	173,395
	<b>205,716</b>	<b>235,625</b>
	<b>230,042</b>	<b>261,734</b>

**ONTARIO UNIT 166 OF THE A.C.B.L.**  
Statement of Cash Flows  
For the year ended August 31, 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Excess of income over expenses	(23,857)	(11,388)
	(23,857)	(11,388)
Operating working capital		
Short term investments		46,777
Accounts receivable	13,434	(16,086)
Prepaid expenses	3,594	(542)
Capital assets	2,568	2,568
Suspense account	(3,873)	
Accounts payable	3,571	(6,698)
Reserve Funds	(5,355)	(736)
Restricted assets	(6,051)	1,480
	<b>7,888</b>	<b>26,763</b>
<b>Net cash generated (used) through operating activities</b>	(15,969)	15,375
<b>Cash flows from financing and investment activities</b>	(100,000)	163,130
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash</b>	<b>(115,969)</b>	<b>178,505</b>
<b>Cash, beginning of year</b>	<b>207,751</b>	<b>29,246</b>
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	<b>91,782</b>	<b>207,751</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Cash	<b>91,782</b>	<b>207,751</b>

**ONTARIO UNIT 166 OF THE A.C.B.L.**  
**Statement of Income and Expense and Net Assets**  
**for the year ended August 31, 2009**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Gross income from tournaments (Schedule 1)	200,608	160,032
Memberships fees	11,813	9,423
Kibitzer table fees	10,769	11,373
Kibitzer advertisements	13,240	10,290
STAC Fall	3,118	2,500
STAC Spring	2,106	3,121
Interest	1,183	9,669
Miscellaneous -	628	
	<b>242,837</b>	<b>207,036</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Tournament expenses (Schedule 1)		
Directors	60,383	44,986
A.C.B.L.	18,168	11,725
Unit	6,319	5,442
Site	36,294	50,934
Administration	32,690	17,670
Hospitality	16,418	8,748
Committee	5,000	4,000
Transfer to District 2	7,788	3,456
	183,060	146,961
Directors meetings	5,736	3,263
Fees - Treasurer	1,100	1,100
- Executive Assistant	4,800	5,200
- Auditor	1,000	1,000
- Web master	1,000	1,000
- Kibitzer Editor & Typesetting	10,629	10,564
Kibitzer printing and mailing	26,342	24,789
Audrey Grant award	2,684	1,788
Kate Buckman award	1,588	3,087
Travel and hospitality grants	14,500	8,500
Novice promotion	1,831	1,441
Sundry	12,424	9,731
	266,694	218,424
<b>Excess of income over expenses</b>	<b>(23,857)</b>	<b>(11,388)</b>
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	<b>173,395</b>	<b>184,783</b>
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>149,538</b>	<b>173,395</b>

**ONTARIO UNIT 166 OF THE A.C.B.L.**  
**Statement of Restricted Net Assets**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Balance, beginning of period	62,229	60,750
Interest during the year	425	1,479
Expenses incurred to date		
1611 D Cohen - Web site	491	
1530 National Presentations Products - Pens	3,000	
1629 National Presentations Products - Pens	2,484	
1648 W Phillips – Logo	300	
S Rewbottom – Supplies	201	
	<b>6,476</b>	
<b>Balance, end of period</b>	<b>56,178</b>	<b>62,229</b>



**UNIT 166 OF THE A.C.B.L.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
 August 31, 2009

The aims and objectives of the Unit are as follows:

- 1 To preserve and promote the best interests of competitive contract bridge.
- 2 To co-operate with and assist the A.C.B.L. in the promoting and conducting of bridge tournaments.
- 3 To prescribe rules of eligibility for participation in tournaments held under its auspices and to deal with reports of dishonest, unethical or improper conduct of participants in such tournaments and to take appropriate disciplinary action.
- 4 To promote the development and organization of affiliated clubs within the Unit.
- 5 To promote and support the A.C.B.L. education programme within the Unit.
- 6 To conduct such other activities as may be in keeping with its principle objectives.

**NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and reflect the following policies:

- a) Unit 166 of the A.C.B.L. follows the deferral method of fund accounting for revenue.
- b) Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost and are amortized on a straight-line basis over 5 years.
- c) Volunteers contribute services at all Unit run bridge tournaments. Because of the difficulty of determining their market value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.
- d) There are no related party transactions.
- e) Unit 166 of the A.C.B.L. is a non-profit entity under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, as such, is exempt from income taxes under section 149(1)(f).

**NOTE 2 - SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT**

The short-term investments consist of TD Canada Trust Guaranteed Investment Certificates that mature on September 30, 2009 and June 13, 2011.

**NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

	2009			2008		
	Original Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Original Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Equipment	12,840	9,958	2,882	12,840	7,390	5,450

**NOTE 4 - SUSPENSE ACCOUNT**

The suspense account represents unreconciled differences from tournaments during the year. The differences are still being investigated.

**NOTE 5 - ASSOCIATION RESERVES**

In 1973 Unit 166 decided to establish a Reserve Fund into which the Associations in the Unit would deposit their excess surplus funds over an agreed amount. These funds are to be invested and held to credit of the various Associations. The Fund was established in 1974. At August 31 the fund was made up as follows:

	Balance Aug 31, 2008	Withdrawal	Interest Earned	Balance Aug 31, 2009
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Niagara District Bridge Association	5,698	1,500	39	4,237
Central Ontario Bridge Association	6,987	3,950	47	3,084
Metropolitan Toronto Bridge Association	1,268	-	9	1,277
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,953</b>	<b>5,450</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>8,598</b>

**NOTE 6 - RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

An amount of \$50,000 was invested in October 1986 to be used for Future Nationals. This account was previously called the Reserve for Future Nationals. The activity in this fund is as follows:

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Opening balance	62,229	60,750
Interest earned during the year	425	1,479
Expenses incurred to date	6,476	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56,178</b>	<b>62,229</b>

\$20,000 of the balance has been committed - see Note 7.

**NOTE 7 - LONG TERM COMMITMENT**

The Board of Directors previously agreed to pay \$20,000 in honoraria to the Nationals Committee members to be paid after the 2011 Nationals.

**These notes are an integral part of the financial statements.**



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### Notice to All Clubs & Tournament Managers in Units 166, 246 & 249

If you plan to run a tournament, please check with your Unit Coordinator to see if the date is free. There is an agreement among the three Units in southern Ontario that their tournaments will not compete with one another. This does not apply to those clubs which have a historic weekend - they are set aside for you. *Flo Belford, District 2 Tournament Coordinator*

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# LIBBY BRAWN - MY STORY

*Libby Brawn has been the driving force of Unit 249 for two decades. Her board-mates wanted Libby to be recognized publicly for all her hard work and enthusiasm over the years.*



Growing up, the laughter from the room where my parents were playing bridge always made it sound like terrific fun. It wasn't until my 20s however that I started to play. Arriving in London with a job and a place to stay, but knowing no one, I joined the University Women's Club. Bridge soon became both a great way to make new friends and one of many activities I came to really enjoy.

In 1971, a novice duplicate game was started by Keith Moses at the Y. No experienced duplicate players were allowed and I was hooked, or to use my husband's

expression, obsessed. As a stay-at-home mom with three small boys to deal with all day, playing bridge in the evening became my main recreation, or perhaps my escape!

In addition to my regular games and tournaments, when possible, my involvement in Duplicate also came to include administration and teaching. I became a Certified Club Director and worked two or three times a week. I was given permission to hold Intermediate/Novice tournaments for those with up to 300 points. It took a long time for me to become a Life Master as my opportunities for gold points were quite limited.

When Unit 249 was formed in 1991, I was asked to be the Corresponding Secretary and continued in that role until 2008. During those years, I eventually held all the Board positions except Treasurer. When London had their first Regional in the 1970's, I was involved with the prizes, and continued to be for several years until I became the treasurer. While a member of the District 2 Board, I had the honour of being both President and the Coordinator for the Grand National Teams. I was elected to the Board of Governors of the ACBL and was most recently appointed to the National Charity Committee.

My first teaching job was for Fanshawe College in 1975 and it was quite an experience. The

## 2010 AUDREY GRANT AWARD WINNER ENID ROITMAN

lessons were all out of town at night in small centers, and the places chosen were not especially suited to teaching. We didn't even have card tables! Not having taught before, I found it both challenging and rewarding, and really enjoyed seeing others discover their passion for the game that I enjoyed. Because the lessons were three hours long we all needed to break them up, so I took lemonade in hot weather and cocoa in cold.

After taking Audrey Grant's lessons on how to teach bridge and implementing her books, teaching became much easier and I'm sure my lessons became more effective! It was gratifying to have people come back after taking the Club series and want more. I eventually became an ACBL 3-Star Accredited Teacher. Over the years, I have taught for the City of London Parks and Recreation, Western Alumni, the London Hunt Club, The Bridge Fokes, and Fanshawe College extension.

I was privileged to join the American Bridge Teacher's Association, ABTA, where they gave me the rank of a Master Teacher. Their conventions drew the best players and teachers in North America. Once again, not content to just join, I became the Secretary.

Enid retired in 1998 after a thirty-four year teaching career during which she taught primary grades and English as a Second Language to both children and adults. For twelve years she taught bridge as an extra-curricular activity to students at West Prep Public School. During this time she organized "Bridge Buddy Tournaments" in which kids were paired with experienced players for an afternoon of duplicate bridge.

Enid is grateful to the many bridge players, including many of Toronto's top players, who eagerly volunteered to play with the kids. These tournaments, held at the Kate Buckman Bridge Studio or at the January Sectional and the Easter Regional, also included children of Toronto area bridge players and students from other schools.

Enid was the Education Liaison for Unit 166 for seven years and the Tournament Chair for the January Sectional for six years. She was on the planning committee for the last two Nationals held in Toronto. She was the Volunteer Chair and ran the Partnership Desk at the Royal York for both of these tournaments.

Since 1998 Enid has been teaching bridge primarily at the Fairlawn Neighbourhood Centre as well as a number of private groups. She also spends several months each year teaching bridge on cruise ships.

In 1996 Enid was appointed to the ACBL Goodwill Committee and was the 1998 winner of the Kate Buckman Award. She is honoured and thrilled to be the recipient of the 2010 Audrey Grant Award.

## 2010 KATE BUCKMAN AWARD WINNER HAZEL WOLPERT

Hazel Wolpert is this year's recipient of the Kate Buckman Award. This award is given annually by Unit 166 to honour someone who has given significantly to the world of bridge. Last year, Hazel won the Audrey Grant Award for excellence in teaching bridge.

Hazel began her bridge career when she was seven years old and was playing duplicate seriously by the age of fifteen. When she moved to Canada from Johannesburg as a young adult she began teaching bridge for the board of education. Hazel shared her passion for the game when she offered to teach a group of kids how to play. Her own son, Darren,

was in the group and soon became an avid bridge player. Her other son, Gavin, was not interested and vowed never to play bridge - he is now a bridge professional. Hazel continued teaching bridge and influencing many, many players who are now enjoying the game. She gives generously of her time by volunteering to give mini-seminars at bridge tournaments throughout the province.

Eventually, Hazel opened her own bridge studio and it is now one of the most successful clubs in North America. Other highlights of her career are:

- winning the Canadian Women's Team championship and going on to represent Canada in Turkey in the 2004 World Bridge Team Olympiad
- having both her boys Darren and Gavin represent Canada on the same team
- proud mom when Gavin and Jenny (his wife) won the Blue Ribbon Pairs in 2005
- proud grandmother of Danielle Allie Wolpert who will no doubt be an international champion before too long. She is already on tour.

Hazel's students say that she is a kind, giving, knowledgeable teacher who is ready to help anyone at any time. She is often called upon to be a guest teacher and is always willing to do so.

Hazel is indeed a very worthy recipient of this award.





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# AN INTERVIEW WITH FRED GITELMAN

*Fred Gitelman, formerly of Toronto, now residing in Las Vegas, is one of the most famous bridge personalities in the world. He is the inventor and developer of BBO (Bridge Base Online), the premier free web site that broadcasts top bridge events from around the world.*

*Fred has also had, at the relatively young age of 45, a fabulous playing career, with wins in the U.S. Team Trials, the IOC Grand Prix, the Cavendish Invitational, the Forbo-Krommenie Nations Cup, and silver medals in the Bermuda Bowl and World Junior Team Championship, as well as numerous CNTC and NABC wins. Most recently, he won the Jacoby Swiss Teams at the Spring Nationals in Reno.*

*As if this were not enough success, Fred has also been named the ACBL's Honorary Member of the Year and the International Bridge Press Association's Personality of the Year.*



Fred at the 2009 US Trials

**Kib: Your first taste of international success came at the World Junior Championship in 1991, where Canada came in second to the USA. At that time, did you intend to make a career of bridge?**

FG: I actually have two different bridge-related careers: writing bridge software and playing bridge professionally. In 1991 I had just started working full time on writing bridge software, and I was already certain that I wanted to make it into a real career (provided that I could actually make a living doing it, which was far from certain at the time).

Playing bridge professionally has never been anything more than a part time job for me. Almost all of the professional bridge I have played over the years has been in the context of playing on sponsored teams in the big events at the NABCs. I didn't start doing that until 1997, and in 1991 I did not foresee myself ever becoming so 'serious' about competitive bridge, let alone getting paid to play on contending teams in the toughest events. I suspect that was because I am not a particularly competitive person by nature. Also, it did not occur to me that I was anywhere close to being good enough to be paid serious money to play.

**Kib: In a 2002 interview, you stated that creating BBO was a bit of an accident. Tell us about this 'accident'.**

FG: From 1991, when I started writing bridge software, through 2001, when the accident now known as BBO took place, my company derived all of its income from selling educational CD-ROMs for bridge. It occurred to me that we might eventually end up selling just the data files for download over the Internet (instead of CDs). This would have several advantages for both our company and our customers, but I had to learn how to write a program that would send messages over the Internet to make it possible to do this properly.

The first thing I did was create what became the “Bridge Library” on BBO. I started adding features - online bridge, chat rooms, VuGraph theatre, etc. That is how BBO was born. It took only about two months to get all the basic functionality in place, and ever since then my partners and I have been improving it - a process that I fully expect to continue ‘forever’. Now, however, nine years later, the vast majority of the money we make is through the \$1 entry fees that people pay to play in tournaments on our site.

**Kib: In the years since then, what have been the major changes to BBO?**

FG: Our company has changed a lot. In the beginning the only people working for our company were my wife, Sheri Winestock, and myself. Now there are dozens of people from all over the world who work for us. We are now a real and highly-successful business. I certainly did not foresee this happening - my original



Fred & Sheri in Dublin, 2006

hope was to do nothing more than make enough money selling downloadable content to pay our bills.

We have brought on new business partners over the years. Uday Ivatury came on board as a volunteer programmer shortly after BBO was launched. Sheri and I liked Uday so much and were so impressed by his work that we made him a partner. In 2007 Bill Gates, Sharon Osberg, and David Smith became our business partners by investing in our company.

The number of people using BBO has grown steadily (and continues to grow). I remember how excited we were the first time 100 people were logged in at once. Nowadays over 100,000 people log in to BBO at least once in a typical day, and there are over 16,000 people logged in simultaneously at each day’s peak. BBO has members from just about every country in the world. We set a new record last fall when over 23,000 were logged in at once during our vugraph broadcast of the Finals of the Bermuda Bowl.

Our software itself has changed a great deal over the years. Some

highlights include the introduction of tournaments (2003), heavy integration of robot bridge-playing software (2006), and the introduction of new client software that runs in a web browser (2008).

I am happy to say that our core mission, to create a high-quality free online bridge site where players from all over the world are welcome to play, watch, socialize, and learn, has not changed. Something else that has not changed is that I still love the work I do - I have the best possible job in the world for me.

### **Kib:What were your reasons for leaving Toronto for Las Vegas?**

FG: By the time the late 1990s rolled around, I realized that I had the ability to compete effectively at the highest level in bridge and some of the major American sponsors were interested in having me play on their teams. Although our CD-ROM business was generating a good income for Sheri and me, the absurd sums of money that I was being offered to play at the NABCs had the potential to make a big difference to our standard of living. But in order to really make this happen, I was going to have to start living in the USA (so that I would be eligible to play with my sponsored team in the US Team Trials). The concept of doing this had further appeal since, at the time, it was an important personal goal for me to try to win a World Championship. I thought that rated to be easier if I was playing for the USA.

So my move to the USA was mostly about bridge. Sheri and I chose Las Vegas for several reasons: sunny weather, no state income taxes, we had some friends in that city, and good real estate values (this was just before prices started to inflate).

In case some of your proud Canadian readers consider me a traitor for this move, I would like them to know that I was cheering (loudly) when Canada won the hockey Gold Medal in the Vancouver Olympics! Sheri and I are very happy living in Las Vegas, but I suspect we will always consider ourselves to be Canadians.

### **Kib:Your Canadian team came second in the Bermuda Bowl in Beijing in 1995. Bobby Wolff has stated that Canada was the best team in the event that year, despite losing to his team in the final. Did you consider keeping that team together and trying to bring a World Championship to Canada with that team?**

FG: We did try that. The same team played in the 1996 Olympiad in Rhodes. I went into that event full of hope for a Canadian Gold Medal, but for whatever reason none of our three partnerships was able to play at the same level we had achieved in Beijing. No doubt it was our NPC John Gowdy's fault (just kidding, John). Minor variations of our Beijing team performed poorly in the next few CNTCs. The magic was gone.

By 2000, I had made up my mind that I was going to try my luck playing

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bridge in the USA. This was not an easy decision to make. Eric Kokish, George Mittelman, and Joey Silver were (and still are) among my closest friends. They were responsible for originally recognizing my talent and giving me a chance to play in the big leagues. They also served as my mentors - much of what I think I know about bridge now came from these three outstanding players. It was not easy for me to abandon them.

I did get a chance for one last hoorah playing for Canada when Joey and I were added to an Alberta-based team to play in the IOC Grand Prix at the 2000 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Only ten teams were invited to play in that event and, on paper at least, Canada was probably considered one of the weakest of those teams. But somehow we managed to shock everyone (including ourselves) with a strong performance to qualify out of the round robin. The shock-level kept increasing when we beat heavily-favoured teams in both the semi-final (Italy) and final (Poland) to bring the Gold Medal home for Canada.

That great moment gave me some second thoughts about the move I was about to make, but so far I have no real regrets.

One of the things I miss most about Canada is Toronto's amazing bridge community. There are a lot of very good players living in Las Vegas, but the local clubs and tournaments here are nothing like what I became accustomed to in Toronto.

## **Kib: How did your relationship with Bill Gates develop?**

FG: One day (in 1997) I received a phone call. "This is Bill Gates' estate manager calling." My first thought was that George Mittelman was playing a joke on me. Then it occurred to me that perhaps Bill had died and I had somehow become entitled to a share of his estate. That was my own joke on me.

What this was really all about was that Bill and Warren Buffett were about to take a vacation on a private train. They were planning on playing bridge on one leg of the trip (from Bozeman, Montana to Denver) and wanted to know if I was available to be the fourth in their game. Warren already knew who I was because he had enjoyed using some of the bridge CD-ROMs that I had created - I believe he was the one who suggested me as their fourth. I knew and liked Sharon Osberg, the other player in the game, through bridge - Sharon is a top-level player. Sharon was kind enough to vouch for me personally, hence my invitation to play in their game.

The next day I received a (first class of course!) airline ticket to Bozeman, got on the train, and played bridge day and night for the next couple of days. When the train arrived in Denver, I headed home to Toronto. Apparently Bill, Warren, and Sharon found me to be a suitable fourth as this was the first of many times that this group played bridge together (at Bill's house, in some tournaments, on the Internet, and in various other random places).

I have become good friends with both Bill and Warren over the years. I must say that I am rather fortunate to have these two guys to draw on for business advice! When I started playing bridge way back in the early 1980s at Ted Horning's club in Thornhill, I doubt anyone would have imagined that it would eventually lead to me hanging out with these truly historic figures. Life sure can be strange.

**Kib: What is the current status of the Fred Gitelman/Bill Gates/BBO tie-in?**

FG: Bill is one of the shareholders in Bridge Base Online, Ltd. (the name of the company that runs BBO). He is an ideal business partner, always being there to offer great advice when we ask for it and occasionally when he thinks we need it, but never forcing the issue. Every few months we send Bill a cheque that represents his dividends. Of course the money BBO generates doesn't mean anything in the grand scheme of things to Bill, but I'm very glad that the investment he and Sharon and David made has so far turned out to be a very good one for everyone.

**Kib: Your partnership with Brad Moss has been one of the most successful in the USA in the past decade. Tell us what each of you brings to the partnership.**

FG: Brad and I are two very different people. I have a strong tendency to be quiet and not particularly sociable, while Brad is the life of the party. These traits are part of our natural bridge-

personalities as well - Brad is an extremely aggressive player who has a great will to win while I am a conservative player. We represent two very different extremes, both as people and as bridge players.

One reason I think we work well together as a partnership is that we have both been moderating influences on each other. Our bridge styles and personality types are still very different, but we have both moved somewhat toward the middle as a result of our association.

Our partnership was fortunate in that we see more or less eye-to-eye in terms of bidding theory. We have worked hard on our system, but this process wasn't that much of a struggle since we tend to agree when it comes to matters of system. We have also been fortunate to have had excellent and personable teammates over the years. Brad and I are close friends and we share many common interests other than bridge.

**Kib: You and Brad recently formed a team with three other players from the 1991 World Junior Championship (Diamond-Platnick, Hampson) and another junior (Eric Greco) who came along a bit later. Tell us about this team and your hopes for it.**

FG: This really is a dream team for me as it is made up of the best American and Canadian players of my generation. Besides that, my teammates are all my friends.

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Aside from a hopeless result in last year's USA Team Trials, 2009 was an excellent first year for our team. We came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Vanderbilt, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> in the Spingold, and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Reisinger. However, winning a World Championship is really what we are after. We will get a chance to do that later this year in Philadelphia. If that doesn't work (or even if it does!), we hope to qualify to represent the USA in the 2011 Bermuda Bowl.

**Kib: In your opinion, who are currently the best pairs in world?**

I think the two best pairs right now are Meckstroth-Rodwell and Balicki-Zmudzinki. Probably it is only fair to include an Italian pair in the top three, but to me there is no clearly best pair on the Italian team - any of their three

pairs is capable of being the best in the world on a given day.

**Kib: Tell us about your favourite hand of all time.**

You saved the toughest question for the end! No great triumphs from major tournaments really stand out, but here is something closer to home.

I played this hand in a Toronto Sectional in the early 1980s before I became a Life Master. My partner was Roz Keri (Citron). I believe something fundamental changed about my brain chemistry as a result of this hand - I had what I think psychologists would call a "Gestalt experience".

Before this hand was played I lacked the ability to visualize all four hands in my head, but after I forced myself

to figure out the end position that I reached, all of a sudden I could see the light. Really!

**Dealer West. Neither Vul.**

<p>♠ 10 8 6 4 ♥ 3 ♦ A 9 7 3 ♣ K Q 9 7</p> <p>♠ J 9 7 3 ♥ K 9 6 ♦ 10 6 5 2 ♣ A 10</p>	<p>♠ A 5 2 ♥ J 7 5 4 ♦ K Q ♣ J 8 4 3</p>
<p>♠ K Q ♥ A Q 10 8 2 ♦ J 8 4 ♣ 6 5 2</p>	

West	North	East	South
	Roz		Fred
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥

Partner had a right to expect me to hold six hearts on this auction and today I'd either pass one spade or rebid one no trump. But what did I know, I was 18 years old. West led the two of diamonds and I ducked to East's king. He continued with the diamond queen and I won the ace. I thought if I'm ever going to win a trick with the jack, it was right now, so I led another diamond and East, hoping his partner held the jack, discarded a spade.

I tried a club to the king and a spade to the king, both winning, and led a second club. West won the ace and played a spade to East's ace. East

returned the heart four and I put in the eight, losing to the nine. West exited with his last diamond and I ruffed after East pitched a club. These cards were left:

<p>♠ 10 8 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ Q 9</p> <p>♠ J 9 ♥ K 6 ♦ — ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ J 7 5 ♦ — ♣ J</p> <p>♠ — ♥ A Q 10 ♦ — ♣ 6</p>
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There was only one card in my hand that would allow me to take three more tricks to make my contract – that was the ace of hearts. When I played it and followed with a club, West was helpless. He discarded and I won the queen and then any card off the dummy allowed me to 'finesse' for East's jack of hearts.

This deal was the 7<sup>th</sup> in an online bridge column I wrote for about eight years, called "The Deal of the Week". If you want to see some more of my favourite hands, all 393 Deals of the Week are still available at: <http://bbi.bridgebase.com/dotw/>

**Kib: Thanks, Fred.**

FG: My pleasure, John, and best regards to my many bridge friends who read The Kibitzer.





## THINKING BRIDGE:

### Cooperative Defence

By Eddie Kantar

Dealer North. EW Vul.

♠ 10 9 8	
♥ K 9	
♦ 10 3 2	
♣ A Q 10 8 6	
♠ K 5	♠ 4 3 2
♥ J 10 7 6	♥ A Q 8
♦ K 9 8 7	♦ J 6 5
♣ 5 4 2	♣ K J 9 7
♠ A Q J 7 6	
♥ 5 4 3 2	
♦ A Q 4	
♣ 3	

West	North	East	South
—	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: ♥J

**Bidding commentary:** East is not strong enough, nor does he have the right shape, to make a takeout double of two spades. West has the right distribution to double two spades

(short spades, plus four hearts), but is not strong enough. With another king, even a queen, West could chance a takeout double, particularly at tournament bridge, where you compete like a tiger on nearly every board.

**Lead commentary:** In order to lead an honour against a suit contract, you only need the next lower honour. Against no trump the six of hearts is the proper lead from the West hand. To lead a jack playing standard leads, the suit should be headed by the AJ10(x), KJ10(x), J109(x) or J108(x).

**Play commentary:** East is marked with the ace-queen of hearts from the lead, and as South is no rush to see East win and return a trump, South plays low from dummy.

**Defensive commentary:** East, who has dummy's long club suit all bottled up, knows that this dummy is useful for only one thing – ruffing hearts. East overtakes the heart jack with the queen and leads a spade. If South ducks, West wins and returns a second spade. When South plays a second heart, East wins and plays a third spade.

Declarer stands a good chance of losing seven tricks against this defence. When West, looking at those scary clubs, sees East shift to a trump, a passive return, East is telling West (and South, for that matter): “Partner don't worry about clubs, let's stop heart ruffs in dummy. Our diamond tricks aren't going anywhere. Patience.”



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He got sanctions for and organized the first sectional tournament in Ottawa. He and his friends thought that Ottawa really needed a regional tournament also. To achieve this, he traveled to New York City and talked to Al Landy. Al told him that if he could get signatures of fifty people who would attend, he would get a

sanction. That was no problem, and the Can Am tournament was born.

Ken was Life Master 2628, and the 40<sup>th</sup> Canadian to attain that status. He retired from the RCAF in 1959 and then moved to the Hamilton area where he started 3 trust companies. He sold them all eventually; one still exists today under its original name.

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Oh, by the way, Ken has not yet retired. He still prepares income tax returns for a few of his long time customers!



Ken as we know him today. He celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday February 6, 2010!



## TOURNAMENT WINNERS

**CITY OF TORONTO**  
**Toronto, Ont**  
**January 1-3, 2010**

**Friday KO Bracket I** - Robert Lebi, Toronto ON; Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Joel Wooldridge, Williamsville NY. **Friday KO Bracket II** - Ragi El-Hoss - M. Christine El-Hoss, Toronto ON; Saad Dahdouh - Diana Dahdouh, Whitby ON. **Friday KO Bracket III** - D Smith - Susan Smith, Markham ON; Ron Walenius - Eleanor Walenius, Toronto ON. **Friday Aft 299er Pairs** - Dianne Morrison, Willowdale ON; Juta Reed, Toronto ON. **Friday Aft 0 - 5 Pairs** - Tatiana Simonova, Toronto ON; Maxim Krupnov, Thornhill ON. **Friday Aft Open Pairs** - Bonny Norris - Detlef Ladewig, Toronto ON. **Friday Eve Open Pairs** - Brian Johnston, Toronto ON; Rodney Wilton, Port Carling ON. **Friday Eve 299er Pairs** - Tatiana Simonova - Maxim Krupnov, Toronto ON. **Sat Aft 299er Pairs** - Harry Eaglesham, Unionville ON; Nik Reitz, Markham ON. **Sat Aft 49er Pairs** - Paul Pandos, Toronto ON; Jean Richards, Mississauga ON. **Sat Aft 0-5 Pairs** - Jane Kirkpatrick, Woodbridge ON; Lynn Reynolds, Toronto ON. **Saturday Aft**

**Side Pairs** - Shelagh Paulsson, Gatineau QC; Mary Eliza Jacob, Toronto ON. **Saturday KO - Bracket 1** - Darren Wolpert - Hazel Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Joel Wooldridge, Williamsville NY. **Saturday KO - Bracket 2** - Karen Lane - Phil Dowd - Jan Stewart - Paul Selick, Toronto ON. **Saturday KO - Bracket 3** - Jeff Luo - Melissa Luo, North York ON; Nicholas Wong - Vincent Zhen, Markham ON. **Saturday KO - Bracket 4** - Gordon Mori - Keith Jewett - James Sharples, Markham ON; Douglas Worsnop, Toronto ON. **Saturday A/X Pairs** - Danny Miles - Sigitas Keras, Toronto ON. **Saturday B/C/D Pairs** - Martin Kornbluth, Toronto ON; Bert Connolly, Whitby ON. **Sat Eve 299er Pairs** - Ray Aggarwal - Arvin Luthra, Richmond Hill ON. **Sunday AM 299er Teams** - Mircea Ungureanu, North York ON; Michael Miranda, Toronto ON; Emile Macedo, Markham ON; Abdulhak Bulbulia, Thornhill ON. **Sunday Open Swiss Teams** - David Colbert, Etobicoke ON; Alan Lee - Gabriel Nita-Saguna, Willowdale ON; Michael Neagu, Kingston ON. **Sunday Aft 299er Swiss** - Margaret Wynarchuk - Jim Bedley, Richmond Hill ON; Amy Batthish, Concord ON; Elizabeth Stewart, Whitby ON

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**January 24-26, 2010**

**Fri Aft Stratified Pairs** - Gary Whiteman - Dwight Bender, London ON. **Fri. Eve Stratified Pairs** - Alice Anderson - Bill Anderson, Tillsonburg ON. **Sat Aft 199ers** - Vera Simon, London; Cam Ghent, London ON. **Sat B/C Pairs** - Judy Brown, London ON; Noreen Franklin, Ingersoll ON. **Sat A/X Pairs** - Robert Thornhill - Reg Young, London ON. **Sun**

**A/X Teams** - John Moser, St Agatha ON; Colin Harrington - Tom Ramsay, Cambridge ON; David Deaves, Ripley ON. **B/C Teams** - C Allan Chapple - Anna Stringer - Adrian Lilienfeld, Chatham ON; Bruce Langley, Florence ON.

## 56<sup>TH</sup> NIAGARA DISTRICT St Catharines ON February 5-7, 2010

**Friday Afternoon 299er's** - Allen Wirch - John Cullen, Fort Erie ON. **Friday Afternoon Newcomer Pairs** - Sandra Whited, Vienna WV; Janice Mariglia, Niagara Falls ON. **Friday Women's Pairs** - Nancy Strachan, Oakville ON; Catherine Kinsella, Mississauga ON. **Friday Afternoon Pairs** - David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Joel Woolldridge, Williamsville NY. **Friendly Fred Swiss (Friday Evening)** - Lloyd Harris, Sudbury ON; Nancy Strachan, Oakville ON; Catherine Kinsella, Mississauga ON; Joseph Sauro, North Bay ON. **Friday Evening Open Pairs** - Rodney Wilton, Port Carling ON; Brian Johnston, Toronto ON. **Friday Evening 299ers** - Wayne Ettinger - Len Jarrett, Dunnville ON. **Friday Evening 49ers** - Diane Jamieson, Kitchener ON; Janice Flossbach, Petersburg ON. **Saturday Evening 299'er Pairs** - Allan Thomas, Wallaceburg ON; C Allan Chapple, Chatham ON. **Saturday Afternoon Newcomer Pairs** - Jean Barlow, Vineland ON; Marg Coulas, St Catharines ON. **Saturday Afternoon 299er's** - Sheila Thompson - Helene Yellowlees, Toronto ON. **Saturday KO's Bracket 1** - Susan Cooper, Thornhill ON; Ranald Davidson, North York ON; John Toy - Daniel Gerstman, Buffalo NY. **Saturday KO's Bracket 2** - Nancy Mulhall - David Duff, Oakville ON; Hugh Clark, Dundas ON;

Robert Spencer, Freelon ON. **Saturday KO's Bracket 3** - Jianwen Shu, Markham ON; Yuan Chen, Toronto ON; Wensong Zhen, Scarborough ON; Ambrose Ng, Thornhill ON. **Saturday A/X Pairs** - Ragi El-Hoss, Toronto ON; Saad Dahdouh, Whitby ON. **Saturday B/C/D Pairs** - Lana Creal - Douglas Megill, Warren PA. **Sunday Morn 299'er Swiss** - John Cullen - Allen Wirch, Fort Erie ON; M Maureen Clark - Christine Pentesco, St Catharines ON. **Sunday Aft 299'er Swiss** - Rosemary Miller - Gloria Ostrowski - John Ostrowski - Elaine Faye, Brampton ON. **Swiss Teams - Bracket 3** - Dale Anderson, Buffalo NY; Helen Panza, Grand Island NY; John Kirsits, East Amherst NY; Paula Kotowski, Williamsville NY. **Swiss Teams - Bracket 2** - Jeremy Smee - Clyde Paul - John Mackay, St Catharines ON; Diane K.M. Gordon, St Davids ON. **Swiss Teams - Bracket 1** - Jeff Luo, North York ON; Yan Wang, Scarborough ON; Peter Wong, Toronto ON; Richard Chan, Markham ON.

## OSHAWA SWISS TEAMS Oshawa Ont Feb. 13-14, 2010

**Sat A/X Teams** - Ross Taylor, Aurora ON; David Colbert, Etobicoke ON; Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Danny Miles, Toronto ON. **Sat B/C/D Swiss Teams** - George Popper - Richard Hissey - Tim Bradbury, Toronto ON; Pierre Seguin, Willowdale ON. **Sun A/X Swiss** - Ina Demme, Maple ON; Bill Kertes - J Lang, Toronto ON; John Gowdy, Markham ON; Susan Cooper, Thornhill ON; Ranald Davidson, North York ON. **Sun B/C/D Swiss Teams** - Ron Haney, Bobcaygeon ON; Gordon Humphrys, CD; William Graber, Markham ON; Oly Smolak, Richmond Hill ON



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- 5 Jim Coote, Orillia ON
- 6 Jeremy Smee, St Catharines ON
- 7 B Hooyer, Brantford ON
- 8 George Knight, Victoria Hrbr ON
- 9 Barry Harper, Regina SK
- 10 Lucille Barton, Edmonton AB

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**Sudbury, Ont**  
**February 26-7-8/2010**

**Fri Aft Strat Pairs** - Michel Malette - Jennifer O'Hara, Sudbury ON. **Fri Aft 199er Pairs** - Jeannine Renaud - Claire Poliquin, Sudbury ON. **Fri Eve Strat Pairs** - Susan Sanders - Janet Miller, Sault Ste Marie ON. **Fri Eve 199er Pairs** - Jeannine Renaud - Claire Poliquin, Sudbury ON. **Sat Aft Strat Pairs** - Edna Dreisinger - Denise Arena, Sudbury ON. **Sat Aft 199er Pairs** - Grant E. Ens, Sudbury ON; Shirley O'Neil, Val Caron ON. **Sat Eve Strat Pairs** - Brian Thomas, Tilden Lake ON; Martin Newland, North Bay ON. **Sat Eve 199er Pairs** - Linda Morrison - Betty Ann Brown, Sudbury ON. **Sunday Strat Swiss Teams** - Lloyd Harris, Sudbury ON; Frances Freeman - Dale Freeman, Englehart ON; Joseph Sauro, North Bay ON.

**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**Hamilton, Ont**  
**March 5-7, 2010**

**Friday Afternoon 199er Pairs** - Raymond Findlay, Hamilton ON;

Norman Macdonald, Stoney Creek ON. **Friday Afternoon Open Pairs** - Douglas McAvoy, Hamilton ON; Jack Shinehoft, Dundas ON. **Friday Evening 199er Pairs** - Michel Poliquin, Corunna ON; Ed Seguin, Sarnia ON. **Friday Evening Open Pairs** - Brian Thomas, Tilden Lake ON; Kevin Thomas, Toronto ON. **Saturday Novice 0-5 Pairs** - Venita McLaren, St Catharines ON; Diane Cummings, Niagara Falls ON. **Sat Aft 199er** - Michel Poliquin, Corunna ON; Ed Seguin, Sarnia ON. **Saturday KO's Br 2** - Kay Thacker - Peggy Rankin - Veronica Wuschenny, Mississauga ON; Heather Dann, Oakville ON. **Saturday KO's Br 1** - Qun Liu, North York ON; Edmund Fok, Scarborough ON; Yingjiu Jin, Thornhill ON; Dimitar Cvetkov, Milton ON. **Saturday Eve 199er Pairs** - Darlene Scott, Oakville ON; Arnold Hagel, Burlington ON. **Saturday B/C Pairs** - Henryk Nowak - Malgorzata Lukasiak, Mississauga ON. **Saturday A/X Pairs** - Ranald Davidson, North York ON; Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON. **Sunday Morn 199er Swiss** - Henry Makuch - Robert Marshall - Phil Dawson, Toronto ON; Dagmar Champagne, Brampton ON. **Sunday A/X Swiss Teams** - Peter Wang - Yan Wang, Scarborough ON; Jeff Luo, North York ON; Yingjiu Jin, Thornhill ON. **Sunday Aft 199er Swiss** - Mary Macinnis - Shirley Barnes, Whitby ON; Ilene Samuels - Janice Keane, Toronto ON. **Sunday B/C Swiss Teams** - Mingmin Zhu - Zuwei Shan, Mississauga ON; Yuan Chen, Toronto ON; Wensong Zhen, Scarborough ON.

# RAYN-OR SHINES

By Barbara Travis, Adelaide,  
Australia



Winners of the Australian Mixed Pairs –  
John Rayner and Barbara Travis

An alternative title for this article could be: “By George, I Think They’ve Got It.... Right”. John Rayner, Canadian international player. It’s not such a difficult name, you might think. Well, I entered our partnership in the Mixed Pairs and the Open Swiss Pairs only to find that his name had been changed to Raynor. Even before the Mixed Pairs started, I approached two officials to have the correction made. Eventually, it was remedied – at least for the Swiss Pairs.

John dragged me through the Mixed Pairs to first place, so then I realised that his name might well appear in this Bulletin (*the Daily Bulletin from the Canberra Summer Festival of Bridge – Ed.*) incorrectly. Over the years, our editor, Alan Taylor, has come to realise that I will contribute an article willingly; so I emailed him a somewhat threatening email regarding my intentions should he misspell John’s name. There was no cause for alarm. The results list for the Mixed Pairs just

happened to omit the first-placed pair entirely, so he clearly did not misspell John’s name.

With much enthusiasm I collected Daily Bulletin No. 6 to finally read the name RAYNER in print. Yes – he’d spelt it correctly. There was only one problem. John had become George!

So here’s my article – with many references to a correctly-spelt John Rayner. It’s a delight to watch John as declarer. Here’s John in action from our first session...

## Board 11. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

♠ A K J  
♥ 10 7 6 5 2  
♦ 4 3  
♣ 10 9 4

♠ Q 9 8 5 3 2	♠ 10 7 6 4
♥ J	♥ K 8 3
♦ K Q 5	♦ A 2
♣ Q 7 6	♣ K J 8 2

♠ —  
♥ A Q 9 4  
♦ J 10 9 8 7 6  
♣ A 5 3

West	North	East	South
—	Travis	—	Rayner
2 ♠	Double	3 ♠	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

I knew my hand was going to be virtually useless to partner, until he got the lead of the spade five. John won the ace and king of spades to discard his losing clubs. A heart to the queen indicated the trump break. Now he needed to keep control and establish the diamond suit.



The diamond six was won with the queen and a club led to the ace. Another diamond was ducked to the ace. Now East tapped John with a club, but he could counter this by leading another diamond and trumping it with the heart ten to draw the king. Whatever was returned, he was able to trump, cash the heart ace to draw the last trump and claim his diamonds.

For a Canadian he's very poor at claiming beer cards, thank goodness! (*If you take the last trick with the diamond seven, you get a beer. - Ed.*)

To win a pairs game, you must have the opponents be generous. Later in the same session they were extremely so...

**Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.**

♠ A K 9 6 2

♥ K 6

♦ A Q 9 6 5

♣ 5

♠ J 8

♥ A 10 9 5 4 3 2

♦ 10 8

♣ 8 3

♠ Q 5 4

♥ Q J 8

♦ K 7 3

♣ K J 6 2

♠ 10 7 3

♥ 7

♦ J 4 2

♣ A Q 10 9 7 4

West	North	East	South
—	Travis		Rayner
—		1 NT	3 ♣
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

After the weak no trump and partner's three clubs, all bids lack some appeal: if you bid three spades and partner has no support you are

in trouble; if you bid three no trump and partner has spade support, you may reach the wrong contract. After some cogitation I guessed three no trump - wrong again!

The heart queen was led and my RHO decided I was good enough to bid three no trump with a singleton king (as is his own wont). He won the heart ace and returned one, and his partner thankfully did not unblock the jack. With the remainder of the high card points now marked on my left, I led three rounds of spades. The queen won and the heart jack was cashed.

At this point, a club exit would have separated me from dummy but still would have left me with nine tricks, but the actual diamond exit was fatal for East. I could win the diamond jack, lead to my diamond ace, then cash two more spades, squeezing the East hand in diamonds and clubs for the remainder of the tricks. Plus 430 was a very tidy result for us.

In the second session my favourite hand is this, the first we played:

**Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.**

♠ A J 6 4

♥ J 10 6

♦ 10 7 6 5

♣ 9 2

♠ Q 8

♥ 5 4 2

♦ A Q 8 2

♣ K J 8 3

♠ K 10 9 2

♥ A K 9 8

♦ K J 4

♣ 7 5

♠ 7 5 3

♥ Q 7 3

♦ 9 3

♣ A Q 10 6 4



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West	North	East	South
Travis		Rayner	
—	—	—	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

As West, you have to play three no trump. North leads the four of spades, which runs to the eight. You return the spade queen – it’s always demoralising to the opponents when you return their suit in no trumps.

North now tried the nine of clubs, South winning the ace and continuing a club. The jack of clubs wins and the scene seems set for a classic double squeeze. Clearly North protects the spades, South protects the clubs, and

neither will be able to guard the heart suit.

You lead to the jack of diamonds, cash the king of spades (in case the spade jack is short), lead the diamond king, cross back for two more diamonds and watch the opponents squirm.

When the last diamond was played, in order to guard the spades, North had to come down to two hearts; in order to protect the club queen, South came down to two hearts – and dummy’s ace, king, and nine of hearts took the last three tricks.

By the way, we won very nice gold medallions , but there appears to be no trophy on which the name John Rayner can be spelt incorrectly!

## Correspondence



Dear John:

I was very disappointed that the Toronto Regional was moved to the airport strip this past year. My concerns are economic and environmental.

Let’s look at the economic impact first, particularly on Seniors. Last year a Senior living in mid-town Toronto, about 25 km. from the airport, paid \$15.00 per game at the Royal York and \$3.00 subway fare per day (\$1.50 each way). If this Senior played once per day, last year’s (2008) cost was \$18.00

per day. This year at Doubletree one game per day cost the Senior \$28.00 (\$13.00 entry + \$5.00 gas + \$10.00 parking). If the Senior played twice a day last year the cost would have been \$33.00 If the Senior played twice per day at Doubletree the cost would have been \$41.00. It’s only when two Seniors car pooled and played twice per day that the costs become about equal.

I do not know how many Seniors (or non-Seniors, for that matter) took public transit last year to get

to the Royal York but I do know that everyone who attended the event at Doubletree had to drive. I think that my calculations above show that transit users were penalized dramatically this year.

Now, on to the environment, which is of greater concern to me. I believe that global warming is a potential catastrophe in progress. Governments at all levels, many corporations, and thousands of individuals are making efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Billions of dollars are being spent on urban transit to, in part, reduce pollution.

There are many things individuals and non-profit organizations can do to help and among them is to plan events where carbon emissions are reduced. It does not seem to me that the Board of Unit 166 even considered the environment in its planning for the 2009 Toronto Regional. Transit systems were totally ignored for both city dwellers and those from out of town.

Everyone had to drive to this year's tournament. The carbon footprint must have been immense. That's the legacy of the 2009 Toronto Regional - a horrendous carbon footprint. Our membership deserves better, our country deserves better, our grandchildren deserve better.

Sincerely, Ron Walenius

To the editor:

I am writing to request the ACBL to re-take control over enforcement of the much trumpeted Zero Tolerance Policy. After suffering through six separate incidents of intolerable behaviour, at four different clubs and under four different directors, it has come to my attention that the ACBL long ago relinquished enforcement of the Policy to the different club owners and directors.

These club owners are independent of the ACBL and operate their own separate businesses. I maintain that any enforcement has been abandoned, likely because it is in the owner's interests to maintain bums in the chairs and not rock any boats.

Meanwhile the ACBL gives the misleading impression that the bridge community operates under a policy of zero tolerance of rude and insulting behaviour.

I have addressed my concerns to many parts of the ACBL organization, but received only three replies. Each of these replies basically suggested that I "be nice" and learn to let such behaviour go. This to me is unacceptable. Either there is a policy of zero tolerance or there is not; please don't suggest that there is when there is no control of necessary enforcement.

Sincerely, Robert Bruce Saunders,  
Hamilton Ontario



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5 to 20	Edward Xu, Toronto ON	158
20 to 50	Ryan Williams, Windsor ON	185
50 to 100	Yuan Chen, Toronto ON	143
100 to 200	Ken Collins, Richmond Hill ON	246
200 to 300	Jill Thompson, Toronto ON	226
300 to 500	K. P. Stanbury, Woodbridge ON	213
500 to 1000	Xiao (Joe) Zhao, Hamilton ON	241
1000 to 2500	Andrew Firko, Oakville ON	531
2500 to 5000	David Grainger, Etobicoke ON	849
5000 to 7500	Gary Whiteman, London ON	770
7500 to 10,000	Hans Jacobs, Downsview ON	764
Over 10,000	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON	673

### Ace of Clubs Awards

0 to 5	Jenna Tichon, Winnipeg MB	65
5 to 20	Sarah Hillel, Toronto ON	56
20 to 50	Ryan Williams, Windsor ON	107
50 to 100	Merle Rath, Southampton ON	92
100 to 200	Michael Kay, Thornhill ON	154
200 to 300	Jill Thompson, Toronto ON	113
300 to 500	Elsie Ball, Winnipeg MB	133
500 to 1000	Bob Saunders, Hamilton ON	169
1000 to 2500	Barbara Shnier, Toronto ON	223
2500 to 5000	Fred Day, Toronto ON	274
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**Australian Mixed Pairs -**  
1<sup>st</sup> John Rayner



**North American IMP Pairs**  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nader Hanna,  
Willowdale - Robert Lebi,  
Toronto

**Red Ribbon Pairs - 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
George & Rosemary  
Dragich, Windsor

## Barry Crane Top 500 Leader

David Grainger, Etobicoke ON 849

## Lifetime Top MP Holders

1.	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON	13,384
2.	George Mittelman, Toronto ON	11,437
3.	Eric Murray, Orangeville ON	10,036
4.	Hans Jacobs, Downsview ON	9,231
5.	Jerry Richardson, London ON	8,896
6.	Robert Lebi, Toronto ON	8,718
7.	Dudley Camacho, Toronto ON	8,697
8.	Don Brock, Brampton ON	8,530
9.	Eric Kokish, Toronto ON	8,486
10.	John Duquette, Oshawa ON	8,480

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## SUMMER NABC

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## ***The Summer NABCs are coming to Toronto in 2011***

We expect 8,000 bridge players to descend on the city over the ten days. We will be playing at 2 venues: the Fairmont Royal York and the Sheraton Centre.

To put our best foot forward, we need hundreds of volunteers to help ensure a great tournament experience for everyone. Whether you have an hour or a few to help out, we would like to hear from you. Help is needed for information, registrations, prizes and partnerships, among other things.

As you start thinking about your plans to play at the NABCs, think about whether you can spare an hour or so before or after game time or between sessions.

The NABCs come to Toronto only once about every 10 years. This is your chance to get involved and to help make them a success.

If you are interested, let me know. I would love to hear from you.

Louise McNeely  
volunteers@torontonabc.com



# Port Franks Vacation Sectional



**Sat. June 26**

**Open Pairs Playthrough  
299's Pairs**

**Sun. June 27**

**Open Swiss Teams  
299's Swiss Teams**

All sessions start at 11AM with the second session to be announced.

Single Session entries  
always welcome

Free coffee & refreshments before games.  
Entry fee includes meal between sessions each day.

**Come & Enjoy:** friendly people, free parking, air-conditioning, inexpensive weekend accommodations. Come for the weekend and take advantage of the Club Game at 1:00PM Friday, the beaches, golf courses, Pinery Provincial Park, Huron Country Playhouse, restaurants and other

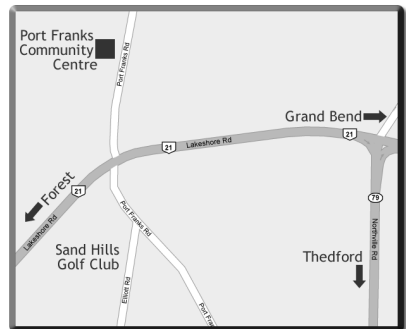
Partnerships: Sue Trumper  
519-238-5516  
strumper@hay.net

Tournament  
Chair: Jean Potthoff  
519 243-3026  
jpottthof@execulink.com

## Directions:

**Port Franks Community Centre**  
9997 Port Franks Rd.

Signage will direct you from Northville on Hwy 21 between Forest & Grand Bend. Turn North on Port Franks Rd to the Community Centre. Port Franks Rd. is opposite Sand Hills Golf Course.



[www.ezlink.on.ca/~seth/](http://www.ezlink.on.ca/~seth/)

# Markham Sectional Tournament

## June 26 – 27, 2010

**PLEASE NOTE NEW STARTING TIME!**

### Saturday, June 26

Stratified Pairs (two sessions) 10:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m.  
(0-750/2000/Infinity)

Compact K.O. Teams 10:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m.

### Sunday, June 27

Stratified SWISS Teams 10:30 a.m. & TBA  
AX (0 –3000/Infinity) / BCD (0 –500/1000/3000)

Single Sessions for 299ers at all events

No Smoking in the Building / Prizes & Snacks

#### **Tournament Organizer:**

Nick Wong (905) 477-6582 [nickowong01@yahoo.ca](mailto:nickowong01@yahoo.ca)

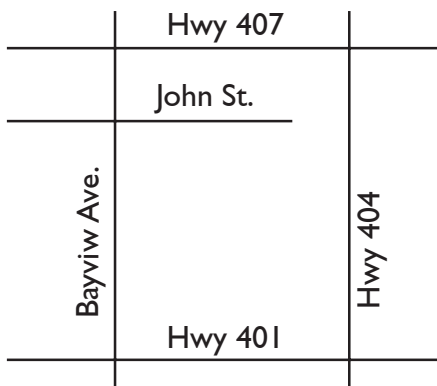
#### **Partnerships:**

Ruth Mori (905) 471-7235 [grmori@rogers.com](mailto:grmori@rogers.com)



#### Site:

Thornhill Community Centre,  
7755 Bayview Avenue,  
Thornhill, Ontario.  
(Northeast corner of John St.  
& Bayview Avenue.  
John St. is Between  
Hwy 407 & Hwy 401)





# CAN-AT '10



*Canadian-Atlantic Regional Tournament*

**Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada**

**TUESDAY JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2010**

**World Trade & Convention Centre**

For details visit our website [www.unit194.org](http://www.unit194.org) and click on: **Can-At 2010 Regional Details**

### Contacts

<b>CO-CHAIR</b>	Doug Hamilton	902-443-4525 - <a href="mailto:dhami@ns.sympatico.ca">dhami@ns.sympatico.ca</a>
<b>CO-CHAIR</b>	Gerry Callaghan	902-832-9209 - <a href="mailto:mistergerry@eastlink.ca">mistergerry@eastlink.ca</a>
<b>PARTNERSHIPS</b>	Trish Hattie	902-456-2841 – <a href="mailto:trish.hattie@hotmail.com">trish.hattie@hotmail.com</a>
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Kathie Macnab	902-443-4676 - <a href="mailto:kmacnab@eastlink.ca">kmacnab@eastlink.ca</a>

### Intermediate / Newcomer Program:

National Players and local experts will be offering “Topics for Advancing Players”.  
Special 299er Game Friday Evening

### MARITIME HOSPITALITY

The Maritimes is noted for its fine hospitality and friendliness:

- ◆ Registration gifts, Prizes, and Give Aways
- ◆ Toonie Bar in the Hospitality Suite at the Host Hotel
- ◆ Post Game Refreshments in the Commonwealth room
- ◆ See the Nova Scotia world famous “TATTOO”

## **The CanAt Midnight Boat Cruise**

Come and Join the Adventure - Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup> Departure time - 12:00

MIDNIGHT - (Following the Friday Evening Session)

Mississippi Style Stern Wheeler 'Harbour Queen I,  
Cash Bar, Snacks, Live Celtic Music

Tickets \$20.00 – a Maritime Moment - *priceless*

Enjoy your visit to Halifax by arranging your accommodations at our host hotel:

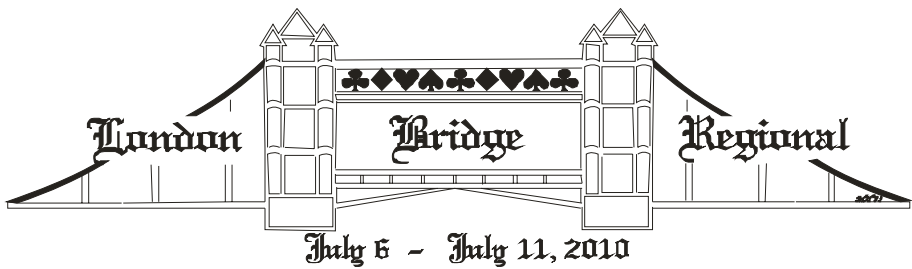
**The Delta Halifax** at Scotia Square

**1-800-268-1133 or 1-902-425-6700**

*Bridge Room Rate: CD \$159.00 + tax – dbl occ.*

*Note: other rates as low as \$ 42.00 per night at Dalhousie University are available*

- ◆ Great Playing Venue in downtown Halifax
- ◆ Historic Halifax – Waterfront shops and restaurants, boardwalk, tall ships and the Titanic Museum
- ◆ Visit Canada’s Ocean Playground



## Tuesday July 6:

Stratified Pairs	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (1 <sup>st</sup> of 5 sessions)	1:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (1 <sup>st</sup> of 5 sessions)	7:00 pm
0-20, 199er Pairs	7:00 pm

## Wednesday July 7:

Bracketed Morning Knockout Teams (1 <sup>st</sup> session)	9:00 am
Morning Side Game Series (1 <sup>st</sup> of 4 sessions)	9:00 am
Stratified Pairs	1:00 & 7:00 pm
London Bracketed Knockouts (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> sessions)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (2 <sup>nd</sup> of 5 sessions)	1:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (2 <sup>nd</sup> of 5 sessions)	7:00 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (One session)	7:00 pm

## Thursday July 8:

Bracketed Morning Knockout Teams (2 <sup>nd</sup> session)	9:00 am
Morning Side Game Series (2 <sup>nd</sup> of 4 sessions)	9:00 am
Senior Stratified Pairs	9:00 & 1:00 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (3 <sup>rd</sup> of 5 sessions)	1:00 pm
London Bracketed Knockouts (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> sessions)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (3 <sup>rd</sup> of 5 sessions)	7:00 pm

## Friday July 9:

Bracketed Morning Knockouts (3 <sup>rd</sup> session)	9:00 am
Morning Compact Knockouts (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> sessions)	9:00 am
Morning Side Game Series (3 <sup>rd</sup> of 4 sessions)	9:00 am
Stratified Pairs	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (4 <sup>th</sup> of 5 sessions)	1:00 pm
Weekend Bracketed Knockouts (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> sessions)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (4 <sup>th</sup> of 5 sessions)	7:00 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (One session)	7:00 pm

## Saturday July 10:

Bracketed Morning Knockouts (4 <sup>th</sup> session)	9:00 am
Morning Compact Knockouts (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> sessions)	9:00 am
Morning Side Game Series (4 <sup>th</sup> of 4 sessions)	9:00 am
Stratiflighted Pairs (A/X) (B/C/D)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (5 <sup>th</sup> of 5 sessions)	1:00 pm
Saturday Compact Knockouts	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Weekend Bracketed Knockouts (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> sessions)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (5 <sup>th</sup> of 5 sessions)	7:00 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (One session)	7:00 pm

## Sunday July 11:

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (A/X) (B/C/D)	10:00 am (playthrough)
199er Swiss (0-200)	10:00 am (playthrough)

### Novice (0-20) and 199<sup>er</sup> (0-200) Games:

Every session. Prizes. Speaker Program.

### Side Game Series:

Held over several sessions.

Play one or more sessions with the same or different partners. Players must play at least two sessions in the same event to be eligible for gold point awards.

### Stratiflighted Games:

A: Unlimited; A/X: up to 3000;

B: 1000 – 2000; C: 500 – 1000; D: 0 - 500

### Stratified Games by MP Average:

A: 2000+; A/X: 0-3000/3000+;

B: 500(LM) – 2000; C: 0-500(NLM)

### Accommodations at the Site:

Hilton Hotel

300 King Street, London, Ont. (519) 439-1661.

(Please reserve by June 15 under "London Bridge Tournament" for special rates at 1-800-210-9336.)

**Find maps and further information online at  
[www.unit249.ca/LondonRegional.html](http://www.unit249.ca/LondonRegional.html)**

# 31<sup>st</sup> GOLDEN LEAF SECTIONAL



TILLSONBURG, Ontario  
August 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010



## FRIDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>

1:00 & 7:00 pm Strat. Senior Pairs  
PlayThru (single sessions welcomed)  
1:00pm Strat. Open Pairs  
1:00pm Strat. I/N 299<sup>ers</sup>  
7:00 pm Strat. Open Pairs  
7:00 pm Strat. I/N 299<sup>ers</sup>

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>

1:00 & 7:00 pm Stratiflighted Pairs  
PlayThru (single sessions welcomed)  
1:00 pm Strat. I/N 299<sup>ers</sup>  
7:00 pm Strat. I/N 299<sup>ers</sup>

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am & tba Stratiflighted Swiss Tms  
11:00 am & tba Strat. I/N 299<sup>ers</sup> Swiss

**Note: 0-5 ACBL Novices play free!**

- \* Free wine and cheese Friday night
- \* Free snack Saturday night
- \* Free coffee and donuts Sun morn
- \* Free luncheon Sunday
- \* Free coffee/tea. Pop is available

**Tournament:** Bob Burns 519-842-5382  
rwburns@sympatico.ca

**Partnerships:** Jed Drew 519-842-8786  
jedrew@aol.com

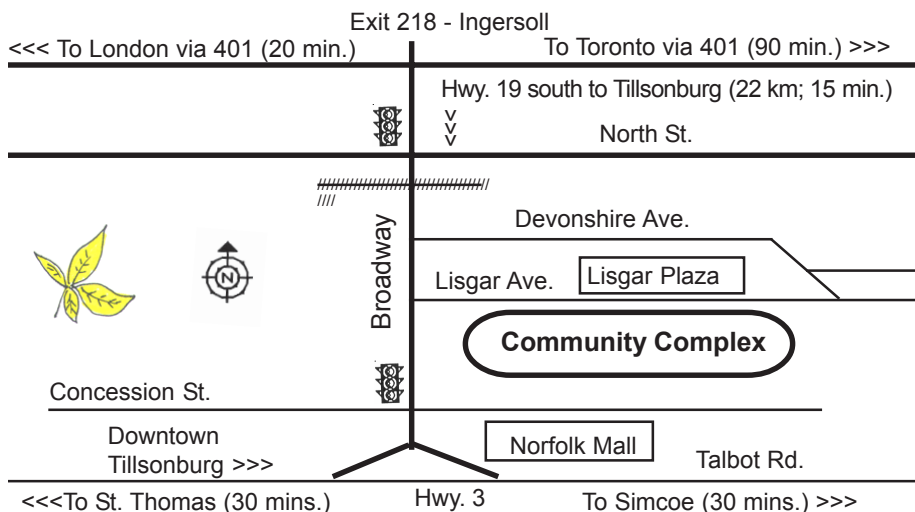
**Entry Fees:** \$10.00 ACBL members/session  
\$11.00 non-ACBL members/session

The GCC and Zero Tolerance applies to this tournament. The DIC is required to record all incidents. Recorder: Mr. G Whiteman; Disciplinary Chair: Mr. B Onslow.

Seniors & Open Pairs: A: 1500+, B: 500-1500 (LM), & C: 0-500 (NLM)

Stratiflighted Pairs and Swiss Teams: A: (2500+, 1500-2500) & B: (500-1500(LM), 0-500(NLM)  
I/N 299<sup>ers</sup>: A: 100-299, B: 20-100, and C: 0-20

unless the depth of the field warrants otherwise.  
Strat limits for srs, open prs, and tms based on avg. Upper limits for stratiflighted and 299<sup>ers</sup> based on player with highest total then averaged.



We are sympathetic to those who are fragrance intolerant. Please be mindful.  
Well-lit, air-conditioned (sweater advisable), free parking, no smoking in bldg  
<http://www3.sympatico.ca/tillsonburgbridgeclub>

Host hotel - **Howard Johnson** (1-519-842-7366) - mention bridge and show your ACBL card <http://www.hojotillsonburg.ca>

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# Niagara Intermediate Novice 0-300 Sectional August 14 - 15

Saturday, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
Stratified Pairs  
Two Single-Session Events  
\$11.00 per person, per session  
*(Free Lunch Between Sessions)*

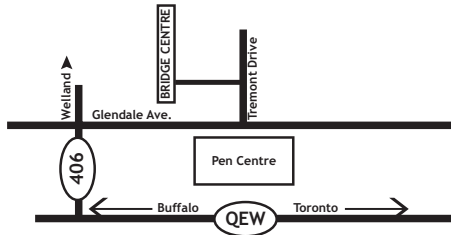
Sunday, 10 a.m.  
Swiss Teams  
\$100 per team  
*(Free Lunch Between Sessions)*

Stratifications for both events:  
A: 0-300; B: 0-150; C: 0-50  
0-50 Separate Game if Attendance Warrants It!

**Tournament Chair** Lorna Johnson  
905-894-4056  
(bridge\_player64@hotmail.com)

**Partnerships** Sue Arnedt  
905-892-6009

**Bridge Centre  
of Niagara**  
2 Tremont Drive,  
St. Catharines, ON  
L2T 3B2  
905-704-0446



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# CAMBRIAN SHIELD REGIONAL SAULT STE MARIE August 17-22, 2010

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

Bracketed KO (Rds. 1&2) 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
Stratified Open Pairs. 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
0-200 Pairs (Single sessions) 1:00 & 7:00 pm

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

Bracketed KO (1<sup>st</sup> session) 9:00 am  
Bracketed KO (Rds. 3&4) 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
Stratified Swiss Teams 1:00 & 7:00 pm

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

Bracketed KO (2<sup>nd</sup> session) 9:00 am  
Bracketed KO (Rds. 1&2) 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
Stratiflighted Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
*Flight A/X (Separate) / Strat (B & C)*  
0-200 Pairs (Single sessions) 1:00 & 7:00 pm

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

Bracketed KO (3<sup>rd</sup> session) 9:00 am  
Bracketed KO (Rds. 3&4) 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
Stratified Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00pm  
0-200 Pairs (Single sessions) 1:00 & 7:00 pm

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

Bracketed KO (Final) 9:00 am  
Compact KO (Rds. 1&2) 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
Stratiflighted Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
*Flight A/X (Separate) / Strat (B & C)*  
0-200 Pairs (Single sessions) 1:00 & 7:00 pm

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 10:00 am (Playthru)  
*Flight A/X (Separate) / Strat (B & C)*



Soo Locks - SSM (MI) on right  
SSM (ON) on left

### Location:

Great Northern Resort  
& Conference Centre  
229 Great Northern Road  
Sault Ste Marie, ON  
P6B 4Z2  
705-942-2500  
or 1-800-563-7262

### Tournament Co-Chair:

Gunnar Kristiansen:  
705-946-4876  
g.kristiansen@shaw.ca

### Tournament Co-Chair

#### & Partnerships:

Dave Chiasson:  
705-946-5566  
sudach73@shaw.ca  
Check our website at  
[www.acblunit212.com](http://www.acblunit212.com)  
for information on  
accommodations and  
site location.

**NO SMOKING  
PERMITTED IN THE  
PLAYING AREA**

Stratified Games:  
A 1500+, B 500-1500, C 0-500  
A/X: A 3000+, X 0-3000  
Side Games & Additional  
Knockout Games will be  
added as warranted



# Owen Sound's Bridge by the Bay Sectional Tournament August 27,28,29 ; 2010



Stratification for all Open Events: A = 1500+ B= 500-1500 C= 0-500  
Tournament Chair: Gord Close 519-371-9949 [gordclose@rogers.com](mailto:gordclose@rogers.com)  
Partnerships: Lee Gallacher 519-376-6852 [elizabeth.gallacher@rogers.com](mailto:elizabeth.gallacher@rogers.com)

**NOTE: NEW STARTING TIMES FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

**PRIZES! SUPER HOSPITALITY!  
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Location: The Royal Canadian Legion, 1450 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. West  
Directions:

- Take Hwys 6/10, 26, or 21 to 10<sup>th</sup> Street (Highway 21 becomes 10<sup>th</sup> street)
- Follow 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. West
- Take 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. West north to 14<sup>th</sup> Street
- The Legion is at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. West and 14<sup>th</sup> Street
- There's ample parking behind the Legion off 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. West

## Friday August 28

**1:00 PM**

Open Pairs (Stratified)  
299<sup>er</sup> Pairs

(Both are 1-session events)

**7:00 PM**

Open Pairs (Stratified)  
299<sup>er</sup> Pairs

(Both are 1-session events)

## Saturday, August 29

**11:00 AM**

THE RUSTY GULL OPEN  
PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

A 2-session stratified event.  
Single session entries are  
welcome in either session.  
299<sup>er</sup> PAIRS (1 session)

**3:30 PM**

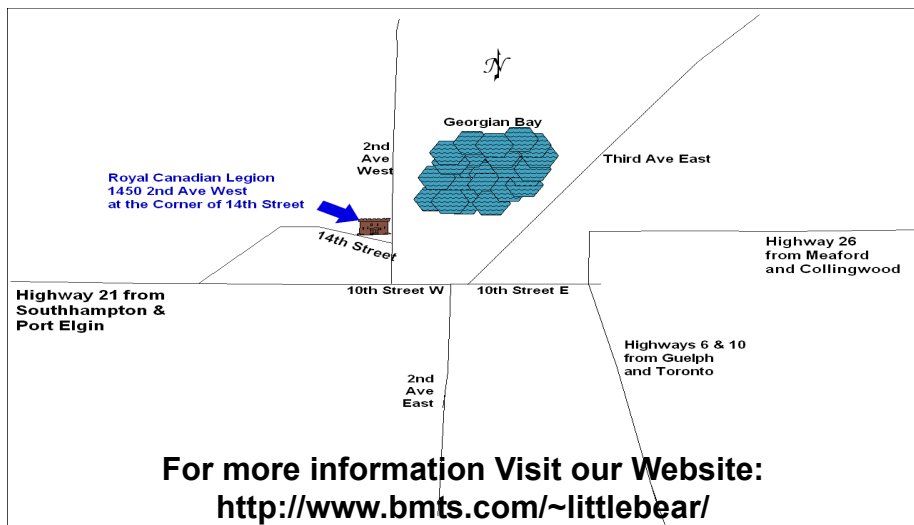
Open Pairs (Continued)  
299<sup>er</sup> PAIRS (1 session)

## Sunday, August 30

**11:00 AM & TBA**

OPEN SWISS TEAMS  
(Stratified)

A 2 sessions playthrough  
299<sup>er</sup> SWISS TEAMS  
The 299<sup>er</sup> Swiss Teams may  
be run as either one  
2-session event, or two  
1-session events



**For more information Visit our Website:  
<http://www.bmts.com/~littlebear/>**



# **Colours Tournament**

## **29<sup>th</sup> Parry Sound Sectional**

**September 24, 25 & 26, 2010**

**Bobby Orr Community Centre**

7, Mary Street, Parry Sound, Ontario P2A 1C8

Friday Pairs	September 24	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Saturday Pairs	September 25	10:30 am & 4:30 pm
Sunday Swiss Teams	September 26	10:30 am playthru

Stratification for ALL EVENTS

A: 1500+ B: 500-1499 C: 0 to 499

Separate 199/Novice Section if Numbers Warrant

“SILVER POINTS”

Entry Fees:

Friday/Saturday - \$10.00 per player per session

Sunday - \$100.00 per team - includes pizza

For sleeping accommodations, see [www.unit238.ca](http://www.unit238.ca) Parry Sound  
Sectional around mid-May

**WE ARE FAMOUS FOR OUR DELICIOUS SNACKS**

Director: Bev Ross

Convenor: Ann Szarka 705-389-3660 [aszarka@vianet.ca](mailto:aszarka@vianet.ca)

Pairs Convenor: Marc Langevin 705-474-8081 [mlangevin@cogeco.ca](mailto:mlangevin@cogeco.ca)



# Hazel's Bridge Club



## Upcoming Events

Silverpoint week is May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>. An extra \$2.

New Thursday Evening Game started on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The club will add \$100 to the pool. The entry fee is \$10, of which \$5 goes into the pool: e.g., 7 tables will have \$240 in the pool. Stratification will be determined by the entries.

- .. Winner of A will get 60% of the pool
- .. Winner of B will get 25% of the pool
- .. Winner of C will get 15% of the pool.

Come to a pre-game discussion every Thursday at 12 noon before the afternoon game.

Our Summer Team League was very popular last year. Come out and join us this year. Call Hazel at 416-221-0069 to sign up or receive information. Mike Kenny will be running it.

We are going to be introducing a follow-up course to our regular beginner's course which will focus on competitive bidding. Some of the topics that will be covered include negative doubles, weak twos, higher-level preempts and more.

This six-week course will be offered on Wednesday mornings at 9:30, starting May 5<sup>th</sup>. If there's sufficient interest, we will run this course a second time on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 also starting on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Schedule, Lessons & Team League Information**

See our website or phone for details

Free Parking for Bridge and Shopping

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Centerpoint Mall**  
**Corner of Yonge and Steeles in North York**  
**(416) 221-0069**

**[www.hazelsbridge.com](http://www.hazelsbridge.com)**

# *Tournament Trail*

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## 2010

### MAY

- 1-2 Cobourg \*  
1-2 Sarnia \*  
3-9 District 2 STaC  
10-16 Farmington Hills MI  
Regional  
13 International Fund Game  
18-24 Kingston Regional \*  
29-30 Toronto 299<sup>er</sup> \*  
29-6 Canadian Bridge  
Championships, Markham

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1-3 Windsor  
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- 6-7 Oshawa  
12-14 Stratford  
15-21 District 2 STaC

### DECEMBER

No listings

Deadline for the Fall 2010 Kibitzer: June 15, 2010

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